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## Rhodesia mercenaries alleged

**SUSAKA, May 5 (AFP).** — Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo has appealed to the British government to halt recruitment of mercenaries for Rhodesia of which he has proof, sources close to the internal wing of the African National Council (ANC) said here today.

Mr. Nkomo had informed U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, in talks last week, that while mercenaries were being landed in Rhodesia by British aircraft, the sources said.

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## Prince Hassan in Oman after Kuwaiti visit

**AMMAN, (JNA).** — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, accompanied by a delegation, left Amman today after a three-day visit to Kuwait.

Before leaving, he said in a conference that his tour has aided the opportunity to look at the successful developmental projects exerted in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states.

Undersecretary at the Foreign Ministry Rashid Al Rashid said that Kuwait is also studying the possibility of participation in the Jordanian five-year plan. The Jordanian delegation submitted a comprehensive study of the plan projects, he added.

Prince Hassan's three-day visit to Oman will include wide-ranging talks with Omani leaders on bilateral and regional matters.

In Muscat Wednesday night, Prince Hassan was hosted to a dinner by Mr. Thwaisy Ibn Shihab, a special adviser to His Majesty Sultan Qabus Ibn Said, the ruler of Oman.

## PLO to U.N.: End the occupation in Palestine

**UNITED NATIONS, May 5 (R).** — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) today called on the U.N. Security Council to put an end to the occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel.

In a letter to the President of the Council, the PLO's U.N. observer, Mr. Zehdi Terzi, cited recent "alarming developments" on the occupied West Bank and said the situation was endangering world peace and security.

"On May 1, Zionist troops opened fire into a crowd of unarmed Palestinian demonstrators who were manifesting their unalterable opposition to the continuing illegal occupation of their lands and homes and to the imminence of additional Jewish settlements. One Palestinian was killed — several others were badly injured," Mr. Terzi said.

Curfews had also been imposed on several Palestinian towns, he added.

The PLO letter was circulated as a Security Council document at the request of Libyan U.N. representative Mansur Kikha.



Reagan smiles after victories

## Reagan stuns Ford with 3 more wins in primary contests

**INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, May 5 (R).** — Ronald Reagan today seized the initiative in the Republican presidential race from President Ford after scoring two crushing wins and an upset victory in the latest primary elections.

The victories put the former California Governor ahead of Mr. Ford for the first time in committed delegate votes for the Republican nominating convention. But the president's campaign committee said that, counting the uncommitted delegates leaning towards him, he was still ahead.

The Reagan camp was ecstatic about its big victories yesterday in Alabama and Georgia and his surprise triumph in a close contest in Indiana.

Analysing these and his sweeping win last Saturday in Texas, political experts speculated about a Republican convention at which uncommitted delegates might be in a position to decide the nominee.

Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter maintained his dominant hold on the Democratic race, scoring easy wins in Indiana, Georgia and Washington, D.C.

The Reagan camp was particularly enthusiastic about his winning 51 per cent of the vote in Indiana, compared with Mr. Ford's 49 per cent.

Republican congressional leaders, who conferred with Mr. Ford at the White House this morning, said he was not discouraged but recognised that he was in a fight to the finish.

With almost all returns from the primaries held yesterday, Mr. Reagan had boosted his total of delegate votes at the party convention to 381.

Mr. Ford had 372 committed delegate votes.

Among the democrats, Mr. Carter...

## PLA move improves situation in Beirut

**BEIRUT, May 5 (R).** — The Lebanese capital enjoyed a semblance of peace today after the deployment of Palestinian troops in Beirut's main battle zone.

Regulars of the Syrian-based Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) last night moved into the commercial district and the adjacent port area. They occupied key buildings on the frontline, scene of savage street warfare and ferocious artillery duels between left and rightwing forces.

The PLA units were ordered into the area to try to stabilise the latest of about 30 truce agreements between the warring factions since civil war broke out 13 months ago. Reports from all parts of the city said the security situation had considerably improved.

But isolated sniper fire continued today and gunmen on both sides of the front line cutting the city expressed doubts over the lasting success of the latest move towards peace.

In the left-held side of the battle zone, fighters said the PLA men's job was merely to report on violations of the ceasefire rather than ensure it by force of arms.

On the political front, bargaining over a successor to President Suleiman Franjeh continued as deputies discussed the scheduled vote in smoke-filled hotel rooms across the city.

The rightwing and Syria favour Central Bank Governor Elias Sarkis, while the left is pushing for Mr. Raymond Edde, leader of the National Bloc Party.

But 28 of parliament's 98 members...



DAY OF PEACE. — Phalangist Party women fighters put their hands over their leaders, (at left) and that of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command soldier Wednesday. It was a day of peace in Beirut. (AP wirephoto).

## Waldheim plea tops 1st UNCTAD session

**GENEVA, May 5, (Agencies).** — The first session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) opened here today with a plea by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for international action to free developing countries from poverty and despair.

Mr. Waldheim cautioned delegates from some 150 nations against any renewed expansion in advanced countries to help the world economies.

He also drew attention to the need for concrete progress in 12 areas of negotiations on improving the lot of developing countries — the central issue before UNCTAD, which will concentrate on commodity problems, debts, development finance, and the transfer of resources and technology to poorer nations.

Secretary-General's message: "We cannot and must not the opportunity afforded to this conference."

UNCTAD Secretary General Garcia described the present economic situation as being "of vital importance as a political event." He said the problem of economic development was a factor in relations between states.

Mr. Waldheim stressed that while the per capita income of the world's poorest countries doubled to \$4,000 between 1952 and 1972, that of developing countries rose by more than \$125 during the same period — from \$175 to \$300.

an hour-long speech, Mr. Co-

## Aden-Riyadh establish ties

**ADEN, May 5 (AFP).** — The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen (South Yemen) has decided to establish full diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia, it was announced here today.

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## Amman braces for micro-dots, ice-skating & equal-opportunity concessions

By Rebecca Salti  
Special to the Jordan Times

Sitting on a table near the entrance of the technical exhibition now going on at the Jordan International Hotel here is the replica of a future Techno-Exposition Centre planned for Amman.

This model, tiny as it is, promises some rather grandiose prospects for Jordan in the future, prospects that were detailed in an interview here Wednesday with Mr. Fred Barker, Vice-President of Patent International Affiliates (PIA), the corporation proposing to finance the project.

According to Mr. Barker, the establishment of such an exhibition hall in Amman would mean that 26 exhibitions per year could be held.

"The centre's annual capacity for over 2,000 companies to exhibit would attract over 10,000 businessmen to Jordan every year. This would be a big boost to Jordan's development and would establish Amman as a centre for the free exchange of technology between the Western countries and the Middle East.

"Frankly speaking," said Mr. Barker, "the fact that only 40 foreign firms are participating in this exhibition, rather than the 200 who wanted to but couldn't due to lack of space, shows how much Amman needs such a centre."

"We have requested that the Jordanian government, which signed a provisional agreement with us last month, allot approximately seven acres of land for the centre, as well as for development around it. For example, the company is looking into the possibility of building a hotel next to it to help accommodate the hundreds of people who will be participating and viewing the centre's activities. For such a centre will not only help attract tourists from Europe, but also from the Arab countries. It will cost us approximately \$4 million to build the centre alone. We are asking the government to provide the land, then we will finance, build and manage the centre and, of course, book it."

In addition to technological exhibitions, the exhibition hall will also be used for conventions, theatre groups, circuses and boxing. Mr. Barker adds: "Yes, if Mohammed Ali really wants to box in Jordan, he will be able to!"

All sorts of big shows like Disneyland on Parade and Holiday on Ice could also come to Jordan. In slack periods, instead of keeping it empty, it can be turned into an ice-skating rink by pushing a button. And — of course — there would be an instructor on hand to teach the kids how to ice-skate.

no-Centre will be completely automatic. This helps avoid labour shortage problems. Take the waiters, for example. There won't be any. When you want to eat, you press a button and a card comes out with a number like your credit card. When you've selected a certain dish of food that's displayed behind glass, you insert your card and the dish comes out. When you leave, you put your card in a slot and it will show how much you must pay.

"Say there's an event in ten minutes. The centre can be automatically converted in time to the desired arrangement. In six hours, the ice-skating rink can be prepared, as it is all electrically done. When a soft spot occurs in the ice, it will automatically start packing up at that particular place. Sometimes there will be technological shows, on laser beams for example, that involve small but extremely expensive pieces of equipment. Beforehand, everything would be spray-gunned with what we call micro-dots. If by chance a fellow puts a small piece in his pocket, the moment he leaves, bells at the door will start ringing and all the doors in the centre will automatically lock. If he escapes, we can trace him up to a radius of six miles from the centre."

"By the time this centre is finished, we will have 88 similar ones around the world. Since they are all standardised, the best the-

atres can come to Amman because there will be no trouble with acoustics, for example. They will know the exact specifications beforehand and won't have to change from country to country.

"From the moment the final agreement is signed with the Jordanian government, it will take 14 months for the centre to be completely finished. And the day they announce the final agreement, 60 concessions will also be announced, which means that 60 Jordanian families will make their living from the centre. These concessions will be subcontracted by tender-bid to 60 Jordanians on an experience-profit sharing basis, not on a capital investment basis. It will also be on an equal opportunity basis, which means 60 per cent of the concessions can be given to interested Jordanian women."

Some of the concessions that will be up for bidding are: parking lot, signs, secretarial services, public relations, advertising, photograph, refreshment, communications, furniture, decoration, airlines, ashtrays, rope, high stools, lavatories, taxis, coiffeur, clearing, freight, travel, rent-a-car, tourism, equipment, electrical, carpentering, flowers, printing, audio-visual equipment, business services, giftware, insurance, and — of course — ice-skates rentals.

While a Canadian by nationality, he is originally from the Barghash family of Haifa.

PIA provides two other important services. It helps individual inventors test and market their inventions, and it runs a patent index information system that gives computer information about all the companies in the world, including a computerised list of all Mid-East business family names, product lines, agencies and credit information — and goes every month to 60,000 subscribers. What they call "the world's tiniest computer" will be available at the centre for local businessmen to tap for any such international technical information they might need.

PIA was established in 1965 and is, according to Mr. Barker, the world's largest technology transfer service company.

The man who took three years of research and \$3 million to come up with many of the ideas behind these techno-centres, Mr. Roger Shashoua of New York, is also on hand at the trade exhibition, which runs until 9:00 p.m. Friday.

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## Cause for concern

The continuing difficulty in Lebanon to elect a president to succeed Suleiman Franjeh is not a good sign, but then there have been precious few good signs in Lebanon for the past twelve months. What is troubling in the current drawn-out process to select a president is that it shows dangerous signs of becoming another cause of continuing conflict in Lebanon, instead of part of the solution to the conflict.

The selection of President Franjeh's successor will not in itself solve the country's underlying difficulties. The institution of the presidency, because of the manner in which Mr. Franjeh abused it, and because of the way he was ignominiously ushered out of the presidential palace, has inevitably lost some of its previous stature and meaning. The simultaneous emergence of the traditional Lebanese warlords (such as Messrs. Chamoun, Gemayel, Junblatt), and new power figures (such as Lieutenant Khatib and Ibrahim Kuleilat) has necessarily taken away from the magnetism and the national significance of the presidency.

In this context, the new president will not so much be a father of the country as he will be a court-appointed guardian. He will not have deep power because the allegiance of most of the Lebanese citizens that is required to give meaning to this power is not automatically given to the president now, but is scattered among the collection of political and religious leaders of the state. The best thing that can be expected from the new president is simply that he shall have succeeded President Franjeh, and that a new face, hopefully a fresh and untainted face, would take away from the national scene the divisive element of the Franjeh personality and the Franjeh mishandling of the trust of the Lebanese people.

If the new president turns out to be a dynamic leader whose personality and policies can help the nation return to a normal life, then so much the better. But whether the nation does or does not return to normal lies primarily in the hands of those who instigate, direct, encourage and carry out the fighting in Lebanon. The president's role here is incidental.

But if the thorn of the continuing Franjeh incumbency is removed, the other demands of the warring factions may be that much easier to meet, and true peace may be that much closer.

It is therefore troubling to see the presidential selection process become so drawn out and intertwined with the inevitable political horse-trading that is so much a part of Lebanon. If this continues much longer — and if parliament for some reason does not convene this Saturday as scheduled to select a new president — then one would naturally wonder whether the presidential question has been simply another ruse used to prolong and further exacerbate the national nightmare in Lebanon.

Lebanon can take a big step forward this Saturday by seeing its parliament meet and choose a new president, whose contribution to healing the nation's gashes would be facilitated in turn by a speedy and honourable resignation by President Franjeh. This is a situation where a succession of events will go a long way to bringing peace to Lebanon. It is not quite the litmus test of sanity, but perhaps it is an opportunity for the people of Lebanon to reverse the momentum that has been moving only in the direction of more destruction. The larger question, however, is whether the decision to do this is fully in the hands of the people of Lebanon, and this will be revealed only by the events of the coming few weeks.

## Cooperation agreement with Iraq to be implemented

AMMAN. — Jordan and Iraq Wednesday laid a working agenda for 1977-1978 to implement the cultural agreement signed between them in 1972.

Iraq, according to the agenda, will provide Jordanian students with 100 seats in its universities, and scholarships in medicine, engineering, dentistry and pharmacology, against Jordan's providing Iraqi students with 10 scholarships.

The agenda also provides for the exchange of visits between technical and university teaching staff in the two countries, exchange of textbooks and research studies, and television and radio educational programmes.

In the field of culture and information, the two countries will produce folkloric television and radio programmes, try out co-

## Joint tourist committee meets

AMMAN. — The joint Jordanian-Syrian-Turkish tourist committee will convene here on May 15 to discuss the basis for cooperation between the three countries in the tourist field, in particular tourist transport by land.

Discussions will centre on means to develop the international route linking Jordan with Europe through Syria and Turkey, and how to encourage tourists from foreign countries to visit Jordan, Syria and Turkey.

duction in cinema and television, and pool their efforts to market programmes thus produced.

In the sports field, besides the exchange of visits between sports groups, the two sides will exchange experience in that field.

Jordan and Iraq, in the archaeological field, will undertake joint excavations on sites to be chosen, and will exchange experts and technicians.

## Petra excavations to be resumed

AMMAN. — The Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat received Wednesday Dr. Philip Hammond, director of the U.S. archaeological mission which has been excavating in Petra.

Discussion centred on the fourth stage of the excavation to be undertaken in Petra this year. The first stage took place in 1973 and consisted in an electronic survey of the region. In the second and third stages, undertaken in 1974 and 1975 respectively, a Nabatean temple and houses in the desert were discovered.

The excavations for this year will be financed by the Department of Antiquities, the University of Utah and the Saudi businessman Mr. Adnan Khoshokji. Mr. Khoshokji financed Petra excavations in the past.

The U.S. archaeological mission is expected here in mid-June to start excavations which will last until mid-August.

## Jordan, West Germany extend agreement

AMMAN. — Jordan and West Germany Wednesday signed memoranda extending the technical cooperation agreement originally signed by the two countries on 29 April 1960. Under the agreement West Germany is to provide the Ministry of Public Works with advanced equipment and instruments to update its methods and improve its workshops.

The memoranda were signed at the Ministry of Public Works by the Minister of Public Works Ahmad Shobaki and by the West German Charge d'Affaires in Amman Dr. Peter Dassel.

## Foreign investors' interest increases

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Industry and Commerce Tuesday announced that many foreign companies have already been registered at the Companies Department at the ministry and will start work with Jordan as a center for their relations with the Arab countries.

An official source at the ministry said that Arab and foreign investors' interest in Jordan will result in increased work opportunity for local manpower, and raising the effectiveness of the national economy.

This interest, the source added, indicates the increasing international trust in the solid Jordanian economy and its growth prospects.

## Jordan, South Korea for economic, commercial agreement

AMMAN. — The Vice President of the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Federation returned here Wednesday after representing the Federation in talks with South Korean businessmen.

A meeting which was held in Seoul on April 30 between representatives from the Jordanian Chambers of Commerce Federation and the South Korean Chambers of Industry and Commerce resulted in a commercial and economic agreement.

Under the agreement both sides agreed to increase commercial exchange between the two countries and communicate to one another information about their respective commercial and industrial markets.

The organisation of joint commercial and industrial fairs in both countries and the promotion of business visits is also envisaged.

## Alia maintains present fares

AMMAN. — Alia will not increase its fares as a result of the recent 25 per cent fuel price increase, said Wednesday. The corporation, he added, will defray the price difference from its general expenses. However, this increase in fuel prices will cost Alia JD500,000 a year he said.

The airline in 1975 consumed nearly 57 million litres of fuel, expected to increase to 70 million this year.

During his talks with the South Korean Chambers of Industry and Commerce, four urged the two to weigh on their governments' cease raw phosphates from Jordan.

Mr. Asfour also called for conclusion of a transport agreement between the two that would open up new and air routes to foster and commercial relations.

The Korean side had been captive to these proposals, Asfour said.

## Syria, Jordan discuss water, sewage services

AMMAN. — A delegation of Water and Sewage Authority here Tuesday to Damascus short visit to hold talks with the Housing Ministry's auxiliary department.

The visit which falls integration policy adopted two countries, is to co-ordinate in the field of water services.

The talks will centre on the technical and administrative activities of the two, the Director General Water and Sewage Authority Tuesday.

## Britain warns against Iran-I oil trading privileges

BRUSSELS, May 4 (R). today cautioned its OPEC partners against giving privileges to Iran harm Britain's new oil industry.

The British view was a meeting of EEC foreign ministers by Deputy Foreign Secretary Roy Hattersley, who said that his country had the idea of a Common accord with Iran — to protect its own oil exports.

At the same time, Britain warned against extending the EEC's Preference Scheme to developing countries, the ing its benefits to the OPEC members, Mr. Hattersley said.

The Shah of Iran's country's earlier impact with the EEC in 1973 and called for a new deal to include preferential for its exports, notably petroleum products.

The ministers agreed to continue contacts between the Commission and Iran to reach a final agreement.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The Jordanian newspapers Wednesday gave prominence to the United Nations Security Council debate on the deteriorating situation in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza strip, due to the oppressive Israeli actions and persistent attempts to colonise the Arab land.

Al Rai comes out in favour of the Council's debate as "part of pursuing Israel in every international meeting and dialogue." It also calls for a new proposal to expel Israel and South Africa from the United Nations. The paper describes as malicious the Israeli and what it calls the Arab defectors' attempts to portray the confrontation with Israel at any time and on every platform as a losing case and a waste of time. "On the contrary," the paper asserts, "Israel should be cornered, prosecuted, encircled and isolated morally and politically in the international forums, as an aggressive, racist and fanatic group of people."

Al Rai referred to the Israeli Foreign Ministry statement criticising Egypt for summoning the

Security Council meeting, because "the Sinai agreement and its secret protocols stipulate that Cairo should abstain from any political hostility against Israel. Thus," the paper adds, "Israel wants the political and information media confrontation against it to cease, in addition to the cessation of the military confrontation..."

The paper assumes war is not only military, but also political, and economic... as the October War has already proven.

Al Shaab, on the other hand, charges that United Nations let-hargy in seeing its resolutions implemented had encouraged Israel to go ahead with its aggressive and expansionist policies in the occupied Arab lands. It describes the West Bank uprising as the culmination of an increasing sense of despair with the Security Council's numerous meetings and resolutions — including, of course, the resolution demanding immediate Israeli withdrawal — that all remained just ink on paper. "This important world body

should now realise, more than at any other time, the gravity of the situation created by Israel in the Arab areas under its occupation that could have far-reaching effects on the future of world peace," the paper concludes.

Al Dustour says the Security Council's debate on the issue is not an end in itself, but a means to make the world community shoulder its responsibility to deter the aggression. Urging the Arab countries to take a unified stand regarding this matter, the paper observes that right alone is not always a decisive factor in international disputes. A concerted strategic and tactical stand by the Arab countries is, therefore, always essential.

The Damascus newspapers also prominently headlined the popular uprising in the West Bank in the face of revengeful Israeli measures to quell the "flaming national feelings" of the Arab population.

Al Baath reviewed some aspects of Israeli practices to expand in Arab territory, and Zionist alle-

gation about "calmness" prevailing there... The paper asserts that the revolt is still continuing unabated since last January, and that the latest explosion in a Jerusalem street has proved that all Israeli designs to grab Arab land will fail.

Al Baath adds that the results of the municipal elections in the West Bank have caused sharp differences among the Israeli leaders, because the voters emphatically rejected the occupation and definitely supported the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Commenting on the Israeli Prime Minister Rabin's statement that Israel would be compelled to face up to a more strenuous Palestinian issue in 1977, Tichrin daily said, "If the Israeli leaders had taken a realistic view of the October 1973 war, and had a better outlook for the future and a more genuine desire for peace, they would have learnt their lesson and changed their policies which have failed many times, because they were against the march of history and the law of evolution."

THE NEW LONDON BALLET, a comparative newcomer to the ballet scene but already with a record of success halfway across the world, was founded because Galina Samsova and Andre Prokovsky discovered what they thought was a gap that needed filling. They wanted, for themselves and others the chance to try something new. The aim of the company remains as at first, to create its own repertoire with a carefully chosen selection of classical showpieces but, above all, ballets specially created to reveal the talents of its dancers. Already, works have been mounted by half a dozen choreographers, ranging from those with established reputations to others still making their names. As directors of the company, Samsova and Prokovsky are anxious that it should not be just a display case for their own gifts. They are always looking out for new talent among dancers and creators, and they plan to commission further new productions from British composers, choreographers and designers.



Galina Samsova and Andre Prokovsky in Othello.

Othello was the first creation commissioned by the New London Ballet. Based on Shakespeare's play, it takes Lago as a key figure to introduce the action. The choreography is by Peter Darrell, one of the most experienced and original choreographers in British ballet today, whose range extends from producing 'Giselle' for Scottish Theatre Ballet (of which he is artistic director) to staging TV dance shows. He is at his most distinctive, however, in dance drama, and in 'Othello' he has created a group of highly charged characterisations to bring out the essence of the tragedy. The music is by Liszt and the designer is Peter Farmer, who has worked with leading companies in Europe and America.



Graham Bart in Vespri

Andre Prokovsky created Vespri to the ballet music which Verdi wrote for his opera 'The Sicilian Vespers', and the title comes from that of the music. It is a series of dances designed to show off the company, perhaps with just a hint of a tongue in cheek mood at moments. Norman McDowell designed the costumes.

Soft Blue Shadows is a new ballet specially created for the company.



Cristian Addams in Vespri

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## Healey, British trade unions agree on 4.5% wage increase ceiling

LONDON, May 5 (R). — The British government today announced that it has agreed with trade union leaders to limit pay raises in the next year to 4.5 per cent.

This was 1.5 per cent more than had been envisaged by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey. But Mr Healey said the government was confident this limit would meet the requirements of Britain's counter inflation drive.

A government statement said the percentage wage increases would be adjusted to a maximum

of four sterling per week and a minimum of 2.50 sterling. This represented increases of about five per cent in the wages of middle-range earners, though the national average increase was 4.5 per cent.

Mr Healey said that the increase was less than half the level permitted under the voluntary agreements for the current year, ending July 31, when increases have been limited to six sterling a week roughly 10 per cent of the average wage.

Mr Healey said the government was confident the new pact would help the immediate target of halving the nation's inflation rate in 1977.

## Israel, U.K. extend transport agreement

LONDON, May 4 (R). — Israel and Britain today agreed to extend their 1973 three-year transportation cooperation agreement for another three years, an Israeli embassy spokesman said.

The decision to renew the agreement was reached in discussions here between Israeli Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi and British Transport Minister Dr. John Gilbert.

The agreement calls for planning and research, as well as an exchange of information by both countries in the field of transportation.

Mr. Yaacobi is due to go to Denmark on Thursday to sign a similar transportation cooperation accord.

The Israeli minister flew here on Monday and is also holding discussions with Mr. Peter Shore, Environment Secretary; Sir Richard Marsh, Chairman of British Railways and Sir Derek Ezra, Chairman of the British Coal Board.



TOP OF THE TOWN. — The skyscrapers of New York City spread out behind a cheerful Henry Jackson as he stands on the World Trade Center's observation deck. The Senator from Washington State was recently campaigning for the 1976 Democratic Party Presidential nomination.

## Caspian oil platform contract may go to British-U.S. consortium

MOSCOW, May 4 (R). — An Anglo-American consortium expects to know by the end of the year whether it has landed an estimated \$250 million deal to help build oil platforms for the Caspian.

Mr. Robert Sirota, Moscow representative of the American Brown and Root Oil Platform Construction Firm, told Reuters today that the negotiations were still going on.

The consortium, in which his firm is joined by British Petroleum (BP) and the British Wimpey Construction Firm, faced its strongest competition from France, he said.

According to French business sources, the Paris-based firm E.T.P.M. (Entreprise pour les Travaux Pétroliers Marins) is also negotiating for the deal.

Informed British sources have said the USSR is interested in Western expertise and equipment to set up an oil platform construction yard at Baku, its Caspian oil centre. The contract would be

worth an estimated \$250 million they added.

The British sources said Moscow might also order the parts for one or more platforms direct from the West to get the scheme off the ground.

Mr. Sirota criticised news reports which he said suggested the consortium "had it (the contract) in our pocket." A Soviet contract was only definite once it was signed, he said.

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## Mexico ready to join OPEC

MEXICO CITY, May 5 (AFP). — Mexico is ready to join the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), if it is invited to, National Resources Minister Francisco Javier Alejo said here.

Mr. Alejo said that Mexico had not applied for membership, but that it was "in solidarity with" OPEC.

The minister also said that his country expected to begin exporting chemicals by the end of this year.

He estimated Mexican oil reserves at between 30,000 million and 60,000 million barrels. Daily output at the moment was 1,100,000 barrels and exports came to 113,000 barrels a day.

In all, Mexico would export some 200,000 barrels of crude this year, but it would also import some oil. Its oil "trade balance" would show a surplus of \$320 million.

Mr. Simon said: "The treasury is prepared to discontinue its investigation against those companies (for) which dumping margins have been found, if certain assurances are received which mitigate price differences between home market and export sales in the future."

Mr. Simon added that all the firms concerned, except Porsche, Rolls Royce, Toyota and Nissan — had been found under the probe to have practiced dumping.

The inquiry stemmed from a demand by the Auto Workers Union which said that U.S. workers had lost their jobs because of dumping by foreign companies. When the investigation began, foreign companies had a 21 per cent share of the American market. But the figure has dropped to 14 per cent.

Car imports were 130,000 in April against 141,000 a year earlier.

## British monetary reserves decline sharply

LONDON, May 4 (R). — Britain's monetary reserves were again heavily drained last month, declining by \$1,057 million, or about one-sixth, the Treasury announced today.

It was the second successive fall of this size, largely due to the need for the Bank of England to support sterling in foreign exchange markets.

The reserves of gold and foreign currency now stand at \$4,948 million, compared with \$7,025 million at the end of February — a fall of one-quarter in two months. In March the reserves dropped by \$1,119 million.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey announced today that Britain is shortly to draw a standby credit of \$800 million (700 million special drawing rights) from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The money will be used to make good Britain's depleted monetary reserves.

The standby credit, which can be drawn at any time at Britain's discretion, was approved by the I.M.F. on December 31.

## Nyerere urges fairer deal for poor nations

BONN, May 4 (AFP). — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere sharply criticized industrialised countries' policies of aid to developing nations here today.

Speaking before the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, an organisation with close ties to West German Social Democrats, Mr. Nyerere appealed for urgent reforms to end pressures on poor countries.

Criticizing the idea of development aid as a form of charity, Mr. Nyerere said that such aid was in fact a right of developing countries.

"Nations do not deal with the problems of internal poverty by relying upon charity. To a greater or lesser extent, directly or indirectly, they all transfer resources from their rich to their poor through taxation. If we are serious about world poverty, we have to accept the same logic between nations," he declared.

The Tanzanian leader continued: "contributions to the fight against world poverty should be on the same basis as contributions to the United Nations."

They should be a "contract with the rest of the world, not a conditional act of charity, the

## OPEC secretary general calls for closer integration with Europe

VIENNA, May 5 (R). — The Secretary-General of OPEC called today for a fairer oil price to aid integration between the economies of Western Europe oil-exporting nations.

This would be the basis for many-sided political and economic relations, Mr. M.O. Feyide, chief executive of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, told a business meeting. OPEC was not pressing for unrealistic prices, only for prices justified by the value of its product, he said.

Mr. Feyide told a congress of the Austrian carpet industry at Baden, near Vienna, that OPEC wanted to maintain the purchasing power of its oil revenues.

This would be possible only if West European nations took concrete action to combat inflation and to avoid fluctuations in currency rates.

OPEC oil ministers meet at Bali, Indonesia, on May 27 to decide whether to raise oil prices, now averaging 11.51 dollars for a 159-litre barrel.

OPEC experts met in Vienna last week to lay an economic ra-

tionale for slightly higher but officials said the would take the political into account in making decision. Some industry expect a five per cent increase July.

Mr. Feyide said Westons would continue to depend on OPEC resource. North Sea oil development cent reduction in demand nations would remain d on the West for know-technology.

Both groups had a mutual rest in the success of preservation of resource; gent use of oil, and economic advantages for both producers and investors, he said.

## World Bank approves 27% capital rise

WASHINGTON, May 5. The board of the World Bank has approved a 27 per cent rise to \$39,200 million.

Member nations in the Bank need to ratify the. For the time being, they vide only 10 per cent extra contributions and of this will be in the form of dollars.

The member countries give their verdict within nths.

The board made no of any relative increase contributions by oil exporting countries. This "selective" concept was put forward ptember by World Bank nt Robert McNamara.

## Central Africa development to be set up

BRAZZAVILLE, May. Agreement was reached day on setting up a bank of central Africa which will have its head in Brazzaville, Congo's the Revolution Radio.

Finance ministers of oms and Economic Union Africa (UDEAC) representatives of the African ment Bank, Chad and had been meeting here Friday.

The development bank will be primarily to assist development, and funds will be earmarked projects involving the customs union.

## Challenges facing U.S. farmers

### Leading agricultural product: cash

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of four articles by the Christian Science Monitor on challenges facing US farmers.

If good rains and lush fields this summer mean some degree of prosperity for U.S. farmers they will mean a good deal more for the U.S. economy as a whole. Indeed, the leading product of American agriculture is cash — the money that pours in from other nations in exchange for farm products.

No other U.S. industry does as well in foreign trade. With one harvested acre in four going for exports, farm products earned \$21.9 billion last year; \$22 billion the year before. In 1972 the figure stood at \$8 billion — then a record high.

Increased need on the part of overseas nations and, in many instances their growing purchasing power have fueled the dramatic upsurge.

Some 150 nations buy U.S. food — grains principally.

The Japanese, top U.S. customers by far, bought more than \$3 billion worth of farm products last year. Other leading importers are the Netherlands, West Germany, and Canada (all in excess of \$1 billion).

The Soviet Union, which ranked 14th on the customer list last year (\$0.4 billion) is becoming an increasingly important buyer of U.S. goods — mainly wheat, but also other grains.

Lane Palmer, editor of Farm Journal, contends that unfavourable weather conditions (a natural dry period just when spring wheat needs water most) will never allow the Soviets to produce as much grain as they want.

On a recent trip through the USSR he saw "construction cranes

everywhere. I'm convinced," he says, "that the Soviet economy can generate enough money to buy grains from us for decades to come." Soviet consumer habits, too, are fueling demand, he says. "They are demanding more and better food — particularly meat."

But U.S. farmers are concerned about federal export restrictions and the antagonism of labour unions as seen in the refusal of longshoremen to load wheat and corn for Russia last year.

"We get incensed when the Arabs embargo oil supplies to us, yet we embargo food exports much more regularly," farmers are quick to point out. They cite the soybean embargo to Japan in 1973 and last fall's order to cut back on wheat and corn sales to the Soviet Union. In both cases prices to farmers fell immediately.

Before the embargo, the announced intention of the Russians to buy grain pushed the price of these products up by about \$1 a bushel. Such an increase, according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) figures, adds between 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 per cent to the cost of food to the U.S. consumer. But since food accounts for less than 20 per cent of a consumers' living costs, the overall hike in expenditures is less than 1 percent.

On the other hand, that \$1 a bushel can spell the difference between profit and loss, farmers say. They also point out that corn, wheat, and soybeans (even without Soviet demand) account for 79 per cent of the total value of all farm exports; that if a free market is allowed to set the price for these products, the U.S. trade balance will be that much better.

Also according to the USDA, every dollar received from farm exports generates something like

75 cents in non-farm economy — storing, processing, merchandising, shipping.

Howard Elson, an Iowa farmer, makes a typical case when he says "The farm says being made the scapegoat. Yet look at the labour's wage demands that have been made."

According to Kansas State cultural economist Leons ben, "Since the end of World War II the price of a pound of bread has risen 24.8 per cent, the cost of the wheat in it has increased only 1.8 per cent. Farmers gave away their bread would still cost 32 cents."

While fats and oils at full 25 per cent of the farm consumer costs remain the same. Pork, down 6 cents at the supermarket, drops a cent a pound to the farm.

The farm-retail price includes costs normally processing, transporting, and selling the food. "Each of these includes energy, capital, taxes, and costs which, along with earned by firms, make up the spread," Mr. Paarlberg notes. In other words, a spokesman for the Sperry New Holland says, "high costs housewife don't necessarily fat profits for the farmer."

On the other hand, agriculture is optimistic. If farm surpluses of recent years are probably gone for good. With occasional localised plagues, food produced side of drought or other calamities, farmers should hard pressed to make a living. NEXT: Less energy, less more food.

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# Hausa Art: The Unknown Splendours of Islam

As part of the World of Islam Festival, which opened in Britain last month, London's Commonwealth Institute is presenting a comprehensive exhibition on the arts of the Hausa, one of the largest groups of people in Africa, most of whom live in Northern Nigeria.

By Susan Greenfield

million people. They are renowned throughout Africa for their prowess as farmers and traders, and in the recently opened Arts of the Hausa Exhibition, their skills as artists and craftsmen are on display.

Visitors to the Exhibition are immediately transported to a different world as they enter the free reconstruction of a street in Zaria, one of the ancient Hausa city states. I walked down this street with "mud" buildings on either side, some highly decorated and others unadorned, enjoying the atmosphere of this novel presentation of Hausa arts and crafts.

There are a few glass-fronted showcases and everything is seen as it might be in Hausaland. Much credit is due to the Exhibition's designer Mr Michael Haynes, whose talents are well known in London for his many other successful exhibitions and design ventures.

Illuminating one of the lesser known areas of the Islamic world, the artifacts displayed in this way seemed to bring a freshness and vivid reality to the arts of the Hausa people. I could touch the heavy encrusted silver embroidery on a magnificent black burnoose

feel the delicacy of carving on the calabashes or dried gourds. I could pick up the woven basketry work, made in the coiled basketry method inspired by the Fulani people, and enjoyed the sculpted texture of the wall carvings which have developed as a distinct folk art form by the Hausa.

In this exhibition are things from everyday life; the paraphernalia of a culture which embraces town and village. There are spectacular embroidered gowns, known as Riguna, some as large as twelve feet from edge to edge, wall decorations, pottery, calligraphy, wall paintings and horse trappings—these being particularly beautiful and intricate showing the fine standard of workmanship in leather. Finely worked goat-skin and dyed in brilliant colours, these decorative bridles and saddle blankets were most eye-catching; so too were the examples of indigo-dyed cloth of which a surprising amount is still made today from wood ash and partly fermented indigo in spite of the competition of commercial yard goods.

The embroidery is quite spectacular and I was interested to learn that it is traditionally done by the Hausa men—one gown in silk, embroidered in emerald on an olive green background was a work of art in itself, contrasting with the exhibits of practical everyday pottery and calabashes adapted to spoons and kitchenware for the village home.

I asked the man most directly responsible for this Exhibition, Mr David Heathcote if the Hausa people could be described more readily as African than Islamic. He showed me how Islamic calligraphy is the basis of Hausa design, and is influenced by other Islamic cultures. The Haj to Mecca, he said, has been an important influence in Hausa art as returning pilgrims bring back new designs and art forms which merge into their culture. Trading with bordering African countries has also added to the Hausa heritage,

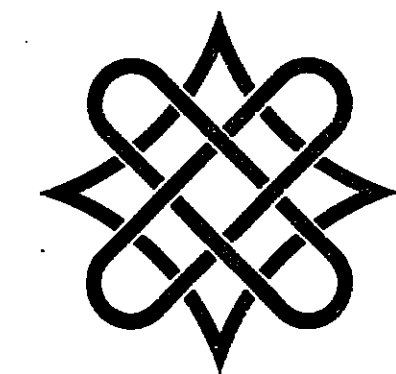


Wooden writing boards from Zaria City and Jibiya.

evinced in the ostrich feather fan with dyed goatskin handle that I recognised as Sudanese.

Mr David Heathcote is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Fine Art at the University of Ahmadu Bello in Zaria, Nigeria and has been researching his subject for many years. All the exhibits on display were assembled by him, many from distant and inaccessible places, and his photographs and slide projection at the Exhibition augment the artifacts on display, providing a fascinating first attempt a bring together in a single comprehensive exhibition, all the many strands of Hausa creativity.

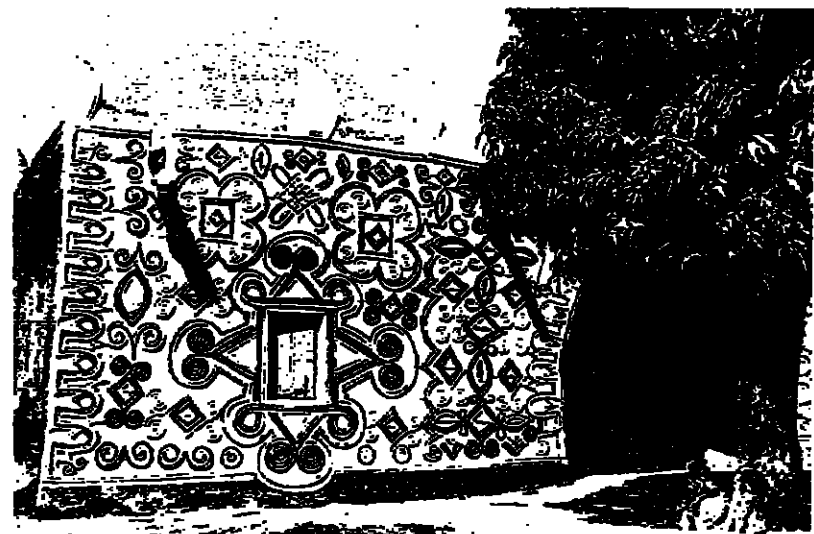
A fascinating insight into the Muslim world in Africa, the Arts of the Hausa Exhibition continues in the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington, London until July and while it is perhaps a more obscure branch of Islamic civilization, the Exhibition is one more part of the World of Islam Festival, which embraces some of Britain's most famous cultural institutions and highlights the mainstems of Islamic life and arts.



The interlocking motif sometimes referred to in Nigeria as the northern knot occurs frequently in various forms of Hausa decorative art. Its origins are obscure, but it has been used by both Islamic and pre-Islamic artists. Since examples of it occur in Roman mosaics in North Africa it may have been introduced into Hausaland from that direction at a very early period, or the Hausa may have invented it for themselves.



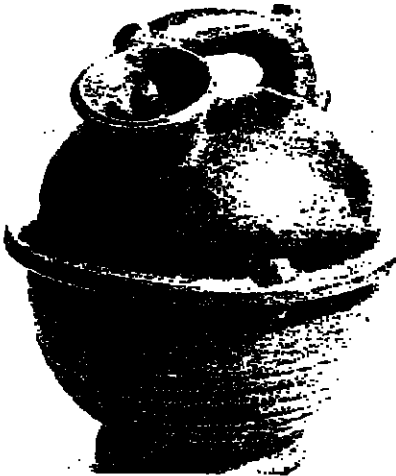
An Emir with his attendants.



Wall decoration on the outside of the Emir of Zaria's Palace.



Two examples of hand embroidery from Hausa craftsmen: a decorated riga from Kano, and a decorated cap from Zaria City.



A pottery water-cooler from Humkuyi village.



A woman wearing a traditional hand-embroidered cloth from Zaria City holds a brass ball made by a Kano craftsman.



A brightly decorated mural by Musa Yola, painted on the outer wall encircling a house in Kano.

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Channel 6:	
7.30 News in Hebrew	
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10.15 Sixth sense	

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11.30 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca	12.20 Dair Ezzour, Damascus (SA)
13.00 Aqaba (SA)	15.05 Aqaba (SA)
13.05 London (BA)	17.30 Cairo
13.15 Kuwait (KAC)	17.55 London
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9.30 Bangkok, Bahrain	

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7.30 New Bulletin	
7.45 News reports	
8.00 Sign off	
8.45 Once upon a time	
9.00 Listener's choice	
10.00 Sign off	
12.00 Pop session (part I)	
13.00 News Summary	
13.03 Pop session (part II)	
14.00 News Bulletin	
14.10 Radio Magazine	
14.30 Play of the week	
15.00 Concert hour	
16.00 Old favourites	
16.30 Easy listening	
17.00 Pop session (part III)	
18.00 News Summary	
18.05 Listener's Choice	
18.30 Pop music	
18.45 Songs	
19.00 News Bulletin	
19.10 News reports	
19.30 Sign off	

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<b>THE PROMISE</b>	
Eddie's father fails to keep promise made to his son Eddie takes case in his own hands.	
<b>SIXTH SENSE</b>	
<b>SHADOW IN THE WELL</b>	
Husband appears to his wife after his death. She gets frightened and seeks help of psychiatrist and unburdens her secret.	

## Iceland claims victory in cod war with Britain

REYKJAVIK, May 5 (R) — The Icelandic Coast Guard said today that the so-called cod war had ended with "complete British surrender."

Spokesman Jon Magnusson told Reuters: "For us there is no longer a cod war, as all British trawlers have now left the Icelandic fishing grounds. The cod war finished today with complete British surrender."

The Coast Guard spokesman

## Turkey asks Greece to clarify pact proposal

ANKARA, May 5 (R) — Turkey has asked Athens for more details about a Greek proposal for a non-aggression pact between the two hostile neighbours, informed Turkish sources said today.

The request was made at a meeting here last Saturday between Premier Suleyman Demirel and the Greek ambassador, Mr. Dimitri Cosmadopoulos, the sources said.

Mr. Cosmadopoulos outlined the ideas set out in a speech by Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis. Mr. Demirel asked for more details of how and on what terms the Greeks saw a non-aggression pact being drawn up, the sources said.

The envoy promised to contact his government for more information, they added.

Ankara wanted to be certain that Greece had a genuine desire to improve the atmosphere between the two mistrustful neighbours, both NATO members, before talking seriously about a non-aggression pact, the sources said.

## Reagan scores 3 more wins

[Continued from page 1] ter, with three primary wins yesterday, brought his victory record to 11 in 14 primary elections. He now has a total of 580 delegate votes. His closest pursuer was Senator Henry Jackson with 232, but the senator stopped active campaigning last week.

A total of 1,130 votes is needed for the presidential nomination at the Republican convention in Kansas City in August. The successful Democratic nominee needs 1,505 votes at his party's convention in New York in July.

## PLO: End occupation

[Continued from page 1] disperse demonstrating students in Ramallah as anti-Israeli protests continued.

In other West Bank towns such as Nablus, Bireh and Jericho, demonstrators resorted to the familiar tactics of closing shops and burning motor tyres in the streets.

The curfew imposed on Tulkarim was still in force today.

Young people pelted Israeli soldiers with stones and bottles in Jenin. Protest demonstrations also broke out in a nearby Palestinian

camp. Three adolescents were arrested in Ramallah for ripping an Israeli flag from the facade of a bank.

Curfews were imposed in Jenin and Nablus, where students demonstrated in the Casbah, informed sources said.

Israeli military authorities withheld all news on demonstrations today, probably to avoid reminding the Israeli public that not everybody was celebrating Israel's national day, Agence France Presse commented from Tel Aviv.

According to the Coast Guard here, the reply from London was considered unsatisfactory by the trawlermen.

A radio message from the patrol boat Tyr told the Coast Guard at 9 am: "All British trawlers have now left Icelandic grounds."

From London, the version was that 14 out of 15 British trawlers fishing for cod in disputed waters off Iceland were today said to have evacuated the area in the face of escalating harassment by Icelandic gunboats, Agence France Presse reported.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said they had good reason to believe the vessels had now left.

The withdrawal came only hours after agriculture Minister Fred Peart promised trawlermen that new measures for their protection would be decided within the next 48 hours.

## SALT meetings suspended till June

GENEVA, May 5 (AFP) — The United States and the Soviet Union have decided to suspend their Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT Two) here until June 2, it was officially announced today.

The negotiators have never given details of their discussions, but American and Soviet officials have recently hinted that the talks had run into deadlock, which observers believed could be the reason for suspending them for almost a month.

SALT Two began on Nov. 21, 1972, and was resumed on Jan. 26 this year.

The talks aimed at reaching an agreement limiting the number and performance of intercontinental and underwater missiles and of aircraft armed with nuclear weapons between 1977 and 1985.



FRIENDLY TALK — Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami (right) confers with U.S. special envoy Dean Brown in Beirut Tuesday. (AP wirephoto).

## Cairo move part of "freeze" in differences with Moscow

CAIRO, May 5 (R) — In a move to soft-pedal its differences with Moscow, Egypt has decided to back down on a threat to publish a list of its grievances against the Soviet Union, an official source said today.

Observers said the Egyptian change of heart was prompted by a Soviet proposal last week suggesting a two-stage resumption of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference.

Under the Soviet plan, the first short stage of the projected new session would solve organisational problems. The second stage would get to grips with the substance of a settlement.

Diplomats said the Soviet scheme has met with Egyptian approval.

In a speech last Saturday, President Anwar Sadat said he had ordered the publication of a message sent to Moscow after the expulsion of about 20,000 Soviet military experts from Egypt in 1972.

It contained what President Sadat said were "decisive replies to Soviet slanders."

Today however, the source said there had been second thoughts and the message will not be made known at this stage.

"It's a trump card, but we are

not anxious to forfeit our accomplishments with any of the superpowers," the source said.

Confirming today's Egyptian move, a Soviet embassy official said there was a tacit agreement to freeze differences. "We on our part have no interest in escalating the differences and it is important at this stage not to burn all the bridges between the two countries," he added.

## USSR dominates Crosland discussions in Peking

PEKING, May 5 (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Chiao Kuanhua spent most of meeting lasting more than two hours here today with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland attacking the "expansionist" policies of the Soviet Union, particularly in Europe.

British sources said Anglo-Chinese relations were hardly discussed and the question of Hong Kong was not raised at all.

But bilateral issues dominated a one-hour talk Mr. Crosland had this morning with Foreign Trade Minister Li Chiang, during which Mr. Li disclosed that China's annual production of crude oil is just under 100 million tons. It was the first official indication of how

## Rhodesia extends military duty to face guerrillas

SALISBURY, May 5, (R) — Rhodesia has extended its term of national military service from 12 to 18 months with immediate effect, a defence ministry spokesman said here today.

The extension follows the announcement last week that members of the country's territorial force — even if they have already completed national service — now face indefinite periods of "continuous" service in the war against nationalist guerrillas.

Informed sources said the decision to extend the term of military duty was taken at yesterday's Rhodesian cabinet meeting, attended for the first time by two of Rhodesia's newly-appointed black ministers.

Earlier today, the Rhodesian army announced it would be re-assessing men in medically downgraded categories to see whether some of them could be given more active military duties in forward areas.

It is believed that about 3,000 soldiers who had previously been discounted for active service will be re-screened.

## Algerians begin debate draft national charter

ALGIERS, May 5 (R) — A public debate on the contents of a draft national charter for Algeria began today with the publication of letters on subjects not often aired in public here, including the role of the army and the abuse of position and power.

President Houari Boumedienne has called for a free and full debate on the 60,000-word draft, which is a sort of manifesto for the replacement of the present temporary state institutions with permanent ones and a programme for instituting a socialist system.

The charter, to be amended as a result of the debate, will be submitted to a referendum in mid-June.

Committees have been set up in all unions, party organisations and local government departments to channel suggested amendments to a national commission presided over by Mr. Boumedienne, and the semi-official Daily Al Moudjahid today opened a page entitled

"the national charter readers' letters."

One Algiers reader's aft charter, published omitted three points.

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## Franco-African summit to cc in Paris

PARIS, May 5 (AFP) rican heads of state ent are expected to 20-nation Franco-Afr conference to be held May 10-11 at the French President Va d'Estaing.

They are from Ivor bon, Upper Volta, Mal ntral African Republi Senegal, Togo and N

Eight African cou send ministers. They (formerly Dahomey, Congo, Cape Verde l nea Bissau, Sao Tom cipe, Chad and Zaïre.

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A number of Fren African states will they are Madagascar, & Republic of Guine which is French and aking has never after phone conferences of